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Greensboro Police Department seeks CALEA Re-Accreditation

GREENSBORO, NC (August 8, 2005) – A team of assessors for the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA), will arrive in Greensboro on August 27, 2005 to examine all aspects of the Greensboro Police Department to include its policy and procedures, management, operations, and support services. The Greensboro Police Department has to comply with 394 standards in order to gain accreditation status. Verification by the team that the Greensboro Police Department meets the Commission's state-of-the-art standards is part of a voluntary process to gain re-accreditation - a highly prized recognition of law enforcement professional excellence.

As part of the on-site assessment, agency employees and members of the community are invited to offer comments at a public information session on Monday, August 29, 2005, at 7:00 p.m. The session will be conducted in the City of Greensboro's City Council Chambers located in the Melvin Municipal Office Building at 300 W.

Washington Street. If for some reason an individual cannot speak at the public information session but would still like to provide comments to the assessment team, he/she may do so by telephone. The public may call (336) 574-4068 on Monday, August 29, 2005 between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Telephone comments as well as appearances at the public information session are limited to 10 minutes and must address the agency's ability to comply with CALEA's standards. Copies of the standards are available at the following Greensboro Police Department facilities:

- Melvin Municipal Office Building, Office of the Chief of Police, 300 W. Washington Street
- J. Edward Kitchen Operations Center, Watch Operations Center, 2602 S. Elm-Eugene Street
- Western Operations Center, Customer Service Representative, 300 S. Swing Road
- Eastern Operations Center, Customer Service Representative, 1106 Maple Street.

Local contact is Accreditation Manager, Teresa Small, who can be reached at 336-373-2145.

Persons wishing to submit written comments concerning the Greensboro Police Department's ability to comply with the standards for re-accreditation may send them directly to the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement, Inc. (CALEA), 10302 Eaton Place, Suite 100, Fairfax, Virginia, 22030-2215.

The assessment team is composed of law enforcement practitioners from similarly composed agencies, but from out of state. The assessors review written materials, interview individuals, and visit offices and off site locations where compliance can be witnessed. Once the Commission's assessors complete their review of the agency, they report back to the full Commission, which will then decide if the agency is to be granted accredited status.

Accreditation is for three years, during which the agency must submit annual reports attesting continued compliance with those standards under which they were originally accredited.

For more information regarding the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. please write the Commission at Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA), 10302 Eaton Place, Suite 100, Fairfax, Virginia, 22030-2215; or call (800) 368-3757.

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